

BMP 048 - Use Solvents Efficiently



Description of Potential Pollutant and Source: Many repair and maintenance operations use a wide variety of solvents. Spills and leaks of solvents can occur, exposing these materials to storm water. By using these materials efficiently, the potential for exposure can be reduced.

Description of BMP: Reusing solvents or using solvents sparingly will reduce the risk of spills and leaks. Pre-soaking parts in "dirty" solvent before placing in fresh solvent reduces the volume of solvent used.

Application Guidance: This practice will be followed as often as is practical.

Training: Personnel will be trained in efficient use of solvents.

Effectiveness and Cost: Efficient use of solvents is a moderately effective, low-cost BMP.

Limitations: None